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September 14, 1939

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ROGGE

In connection with the automobile accident involving Mrs. Rogge and your two children near Galveston, Texas, on the evening of August 23, 1939, I wish to advise that Chief of Police L. B. Maddox, Beaumont, Texas, informed the Dallas Field Division of this Bureau on August 25, 1939, to the effect a negro by the name of Alex Alexander of Winnie, Texas, called at the office of the Chief of Police, Beaumont, Texas, and informed him that he had seen the automobile accident and was willing to testify in behalf of Mrs. Rogge.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Crowl _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Lawler _____
Mr. Lester _____
Mr. McIntire _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Sears _____
Mr. Q. Tamm _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____

62-32509-283

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
DALLAS, TEXAS

August 30, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau has no doubt been advised of the automobile accident in which were involved the wife and two children of Assistant Attorney General O. J. ROGGE near Galveston, Texas, on the evening of August 23, 1939.

Chief of Police L. B. MADDOX, Beaumont, Texas, on August 25, 1939, informed me that a negro by the name of ALEX ALEXANDER, of Winnie, Texas, had called at his office and informed him that he had seen the automobile accident in which Mrs. ROGGE was involved; that ALEXANDER was willing to testify in behalf of Mrs. ROGGE.

The above information is being furnished to the Bureau for any action it might deem appropriate.

Very truly yours

E. E. COLROY
Special Agent in Charge

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cc San Antonio

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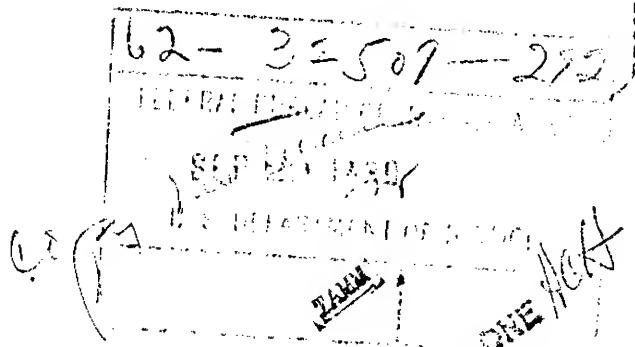
LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS INFORMATION CONCERNING. MONTE E HART
AND SUMMA CALDWELL OF THE FIRM OF CALDWELL BROTHERS AND HART NEW
ORLEANS LOUISIANA WERE INDITED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY NEW ORLEANS
TO DAY FOR CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION
OF THE PWA GEOLOGY BUILDING ON THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS.
THE INDICTMENT INCLUDED FIVE COUNTS AND CHARGED FRAUD IN THAT EXTRA
ITEMS WERE CHARGED WHICH WERE IN FACT NOT INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT.

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August 25, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith two photostatic copies of the following letters which were received in the Bureau:

One undated letter to the Director signed "Murph."

One letter dated July 11, 1939, to the Attorney General
signed "Miss Agnes E. Lewis".

One anonymous letter addressed to Assistant United States Attorney Rogge under date of August 1, 1939, a copy of which was furnished this Bureau by the Department, together with enclosed newspaper clippings.

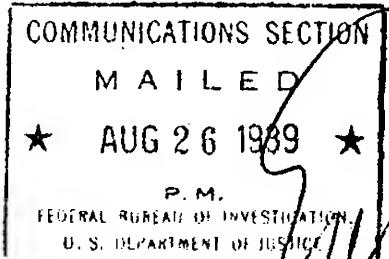
It is desired that you furnish one copy of each to
U. S. Attorney Rene A. Viosca.

Very truly yours,
For the Director

Harold Nathan
Assistant Director

Enclosures

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
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J. Edgar Hoover.
Washington D.C.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Quinn
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Hello old timer I note with interest you have your hands full with the SHARE THE Wealth out fit in this City.

I think if you get organized properley you will be able to link this bunch with whole sale Smuggling of Alcohol Dope and other contraband good as well as Aliens.

I no of two cases inparticular whereas they wer raided on January 2nd 1932 over a half million dollars worth of goods wer seized by the customs and these birds wer never brought to trial, as pressure was brought to bear and the records in the Custom House wer altered to read the goods seized wer of no value.

If you will look up the back files of the Times Picayune on this date you will get the low down on this wholesal raid,.

The two men in cinnnection with this raid inform me they wer immune from arrest and would never go to trial.

The question is how to stop these wholesale law violations.

Sugest you put some of the old timers back on the job as they are honest and fear no man and will fight to the last ditch.

Incidently I called at your office in Washington D.C. and was informed your wer in conference sorry i could not see you inperson old timer.

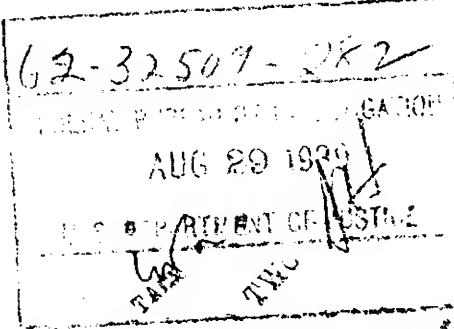
I also tried my besto to cotact you in Los Angeles Cal during the American Legion Convention your are a hard man to get close to let alone conersr with.

I expect to go to the Convention in Chicago Ill. hope to hve better luck next time.

Your Truly.
Murph.

B-O-A-Z.

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J. Edgar Hoover.

Chief F.B.I.

Washington.

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May 31, 1967

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Mrs. William Kerns
1401 Mazant Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70117

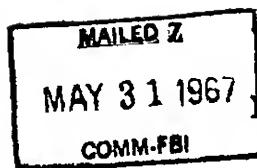
Dear Mrs. Kerns:

Your letter of May 24th has been received, and I want to thank you for the generous remarks you expressed regarding my work.

In response to your request, I am enclosing an excerpt from my testimony before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations on February 16, 1967. The only material that I can send you regarding the subject of your inquiry is set forth on pages 57 to 59.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles reflect Mrs. Kerns has written to the Director in the past concerning the topic of communism. The Director's letter 5/16/66 enclosed printed material and thanked her for her kind remarks concerning the FBI.

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

TRUE COPY

May 24, 1967
New Orleans, Louisiana

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover:

Dear Sir:

My husband and I feel that you have given our Country a wonderful service. We know that the F. B. I. only investigates. Yesterday I took a course here in New Orleans that the Police are giving for women to protect themselves and children. Crime is getting so bad here. Negroes are raping old women and young ones too. As long as the Negroes here are being told by Stokely Carmichael, and Robert Williams from Cuba, they actually believe they can go out and do anything they want to do. They are not being punished and the new ruling of the Supreme Court is just arful. Sir, can you send me some copies of your recent address in Feb. on Stokely Carmickael. As you know he has been here, at two negro colleges, and one college already had trouble.

Thanking you
Mrs. Wm. Kerns
1401 Mazant St.
New Orleans,
La.

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May 24, 1967

New Orleans, La.
Crime Conditions

New Orleans, La.

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Thanking you
Mrs. Wm. Gleason
1401 Magazine St.
New Orleans,
La.

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FBI

Date: 4/12/66

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: *PR* DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: *P* SAC, NEW ORLEANS (94-502) (RUC)
 °CRIME CONDITIONS - LOUISIANA
 SUBJECT: ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION
 POSTMARKED IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
 ON 3/26/66
 RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)
 Re Buairtel to New Orleans 3/31/66.

On 4/12/66, Lt. W. A. SMITH, Criminal Division, Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, Courthouse, Gretna, Louisiana, and Lt. L. J. ESTOPINAL, Records Division, New Orleans Police Department, were made aware of the content of the captioned anonymous letter. They each advised they would take necessary steps to alert individuals in their departments of these contents.

③ - Bureau
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*no further action in
 correspondence*

G. WICK

Approved: *APR* Sent _____ M Per _____

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F B I

Date: 3/31/68

Transmit the following in

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Via

Airtel

(Prioritized)

To: SAC, New Orleans

From: Director, FBI

**ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION
POSTMARKED IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, ON 3/28/68.**

RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

BURGESS

Enclosed you will find:

Two copies of self-explanatory communication. ~~from supervisor and individual~~

One copy of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin.

One copy of the Uniform Crime Reports bulletin.

Other: _____

Take following action:

- Make discreet inquiries of established sources to determine reputation of captioned individual and/or organization. Under no circumstances should correspondent become aware of our interest.
- Have correspondent interviewed to determine whether correspondent has any information of interest to Bureau.
- Have substance of enclosed communication made available to appropriate local law enforcement officials. ~~REURN COPIES OF THIS COMMUNICATION TO YOUR SUPERVISOR OR CHIEF~~
- Acknowledge enclosed communication by mailing enclosed Bureau publication or publications to correspondent to address indicated, following your determination of status in law enforcement. If correspondent is not type of person to whom we want to furnish this material, or does not have legitimate interest in law enforcement matters, correspondent should be contacted and informed that our budgetary limitations restrict its distribution and request cannot be granted. Advise Bureau of action taken, together with recommendation as to whether correspondent's name should be added to our mailing list.
- Submit results under above caption to reach Bureau no later than
- Submit results and recommendations as to whether or not Bureau should comply with request, under above caption, to reach Bureau no later than

Other: On the basis of available information, Mrs. Sonfield is not

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

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TRUE COPY

Please investigate the following: ---

There are crooks operating here in New Orleans, Louisiana, & Metairie, La - Who own the buses, calling people to work (house work) & not letting them work, picking up money that way - approximately 40 people a day calling on these crooks - 40 people per one crook. One is Mrs. Sonfield, 315 Cuddihy Drive, Metairie, La; - off of Oakridge Park (road) This circle of houses on Oakridge Pk. road, directly off the Metairie bus stop, & on Cuddihy Drive, accross Railroad tracks, are owning the Transit Co. & crooking people out of their money, calling them to work & not letting them work --

⑧ C.R. - conditions - Louisiana

Received
Mrs. Sonfield & 35.66
in Checks & 25

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Date 3/31/66
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United States Senate

Washington, D. C., March 4, 1964

Respectfully referred to

Mr. Alan H. Belmont
Assistant to the Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D.C.

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for your information only.

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Frank P. Dulce

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March 1, 1964

Honorable Frank Lausche
United States Senate Building
Washington, D. C.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Senator Lausche:

As you know, Mr. William Davidson has written a series on crime in America which is presently appearing in The Saturday Evening Post. I am anxious to know if you have recently investigated the penetration of the Syndicate, Mafia or Cosa Nostra into Cleveland, Ohio. I suggest that between you and Secretary Celebrezze's efforts in Washington a possible identification of the degree of penetration of these racketeers in Ohio could be established.

I dislike guilt by association, but can not discount the degeneration possible in a state where betting and gambling are permitted in a State. Of course the profits from gambling are used to aid the racketeer in establishing a legitimate business to compete with honest businessmen. Not to mention the racketeers illegitimate pursuits.

Perhaps you could inquire of your Honorable Colleagues from the State of Louisiana as to how that State's police authorities plan to attack the largest industry in Louisiana. Actually, if Louisiana does not plan to aggressively enforce their laws, I have identified the rackets in Louisiana as a desirable addition to my portfolio and need confirmation of the apathy of authorities in re the rackets in Louisiana.

Next Senator, I call your attention to the American neglected Colonial Paradise. Suggest you investigate this abnormal situation. If you need exhibits leadership, I will volunteer for the position.

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Honorable Frank Laus

Hope you have an opportunity in your busy and demanding schedule to investigate these two areas.

Look forward to your comments.

Most respectfully,

Paul G. Baily

Paul G. Baily

7404 Broadmoor Road
Mentor, Ohio 44060

Main Line of Mid-America

**ILLINOIS
CENTRAL
RAILROAD**

Date _____

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here in New Orleans, Louisiana,
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One is Mrs. Sonfield, 315
Cuddihy Drive, Metairie, La.;—
Off of Oakridge Park (road)
This Circle of houses on
Oakridge Pk. road, directly
Off the Metairie bus stop,
& on Cuddihy Drive, Accross
Railroad tracks, Are owing
the transit Co. & Croaking
people out of their Money,
Calling them to work & not letting
them work—

SAC, New Orleans

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Director, FBI
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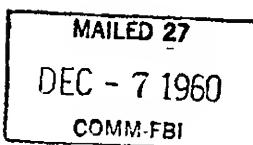
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2440 DUMAINE STREET
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

Address

Enclosed are two copies of an anonymous postal card received at the Bureau. You are requested to make a copy of this card available to local law enforcement officials at New Orleans, unless information in your files dictates otherwise.

Enclosures (2)



Tolson _____
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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

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TRUE 

Sir,

I think you should investigate the RACKET going on at 2440 DUMAINE ST. here in New Orleans. Its run by six telephones in a small office at the above address sir. The entire opperation is a front believe me. I'd rather not give my name! V. F. W should get the income, but don't.

"Thank You Sir"

Mr. to 8AC New Orleans
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SIR,
I think you should investigate the RACKET going on at 2440 SUMMINE ST. Here in New Orleans. It's run by six telephones in a small office at the above address Sir. The entire operation is a front believe me. I'd rather not give my name! V.F.W should get the income, but don't.
"THANK YOU SIR".

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W. R. H. M.

12-5-60



VIA AIR MAIL

F.B.I.

To: J. EDGAR HOOVER,
Washington, D.C.

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R.W./mtb

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TO: Director Mr. Tolson, 5744 Mr. Nease, 5744
 Mr. Tolson, 5744 Miss Gandy, 5633
 Mr. Boardman, 5731 ~~Mr. Belmont, 1742~~ ~~Mr. Mohr, 5517~~ ~~Mr. Parsons, 7621~~ ~~Mr. Rosen, 5706~~ ~~Mr. Tamm, 5256~~ ~~Mr. Trotter, 4130 IB~~ ~~Mr. Sizoo, 1742~~ ~~Mr. Nichols, 5640~~ ~~Mr. McGuire, 5642~~ ~~Mr. Wick, 5634~~ ~~Mr. DeLoach, 5636~~ ~~Mr. Morgan, 5625~~ ~~Mr. Jones, 4236~~ ~~Mr. Leonard, 6222 IB~~ ~~Mr. Waikart, 7204~~ ~~Mr. Eames, 7206~~ ~~Mr. Wherry, 5537~~ **RECEIVED** - **TOLSON**
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Mechanical, B-110
Supply Room, B-216
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 Miss Lurz
 Mrs. Faber
 Miss McCord
 Miss Rogers
 Miss Loper
 Miss Shidboy

See Me
 For Your Info
 For appropriate
action

Note & Retain

In connection with the Director's inquiry
as to whether information on Governor
Long of Louisiana receiving a payoff was
furnished Internal Revenue Service, you
are advised that it was furnished to
(over)

L. B. Nichols
Room 5640, Ext. 691

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Memorandum
No. 1 from the
Section Chief
dated 5-21-57
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January 14, 1957

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① Crime Conditions

of NEW ORLEANS

Mr. Ed Shaver
Dunn, Louisiana

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RECORDED - 9 Dear Mr. Shaver:

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Your letter postmarked January 2, 1957, has been received.

Although I appreciate the interest prompting your writing, on the basis of information you furnished, there does not appear to be a violation of any Federal law coming within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI. It is suggested that you continue to rely upon your local law enforcement authorities in this regard.

In the event you have information relating to criminal activities coming within the scope of this Bureau's authority, I hope you will not hesitate to contact the representatives of our New Orleans Office.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - New Orleans, with copy of incoming
ATTENTION SAC: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

RW

NOTE: No telephone directory for Dunn, Louisiana, to check spelling of correspondent's name.

Tolson _____
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Dunn Louisiana 12-20-56
F. B. I. Dept of Justice
J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir

Wish to call your attention to
a Cafe & truck stop, located
at Dunn Louisiana, Rickland
Parish, Highway 8, North Louisiana

This place has always been a ~~zone~~ spot.
Causing lots of trouble, girls are kept
there for truck drivers for a price.
More girls have been approached
for dates, spreading of disease etc
The church has tried to stop this place

Seems the local law enforcement
are not interested. -32509-341

The F B I at New Orleans and
State troopers ¹⁰⁸⁰⁹ the proof would
have to be furnished

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I thought the F.B.I. would always
get the needed proof
I have wrote the F.B.I. at
New Orleans about this place
I know that they date on this
Building, School Children catch
the school busses & church
busses there. This place has
made this town unfit to live
in for decent people
would like a investigation
of the people who operate
this place also investigate
the people who own this place
now. Something of their back
ground etc.
would like for you to write the
F.B.I. at New Orleans about
this place - Respectfully
Ed. Shavers.

1951
11/11/51

Sept 1951

TRUE COPY

Dunn Louisiana 12-20-56
F. B. I. Dept of Justice
J Edgar Hoover
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

Wish to call your attention to a Cafe & truck stop, located at Dunn Louisiana, Richland Parish, Highway 80, North Louisiana. This place has always been a sore spot. Causing lots of trouble, girls are kept there for truck drivers for a price. Minors girls have been approached for dates, spreading of disease etc. The church has tried to stop this place seems the local law inforcements are not interested.

The FBI at New Orleans and State troopers say the proof would have to be furnished. I thought the FBI would always get the needed proof.

I have wrote the F. B. I. at New Orleans about this place. I know that they date in this building school children catch the school busses & church busses there. This place has made this town unfit to live in for decent people would like a investigation of the people who operate this place also investigate the people who own this place now. something of their back ground etc.

Would like for you to write the FBI at New Orleans about this place -- Respt Yours
/s/ Ed Shaver

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September 1, 1951

Mr. William L. Donnels
Editor
The Federationist
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Donnels:

Your communication dated August 25, 1951, with enclosure, has been received in the absence of Mr. Hoover from Washington and I am taking the liberty of acknowledging it. You may be sure that he will appreciate your interest in bringing the observations you set forth to his attention.

As you know, the FBI has no jurisdiction in matters of a purely local interest and can take no action in regard to them.

Sincerely yours,

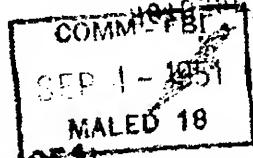
Helen V. Gandy
Secretary

G.I.R.-9

NOTE: Mr. Donnels is on the mailing list for the Uniform Crime Reports and general material. Since the matters he mentioned are of a political nature and since personalities are involved, it is not believed that Mr. Hoover should reply directly lest any statement might be misinterpreted.

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426-28 Chartres St., N. O., La. U.S.A.

August 25, 1951

Hon: Edgar Hooyer
U.S. Dept. of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Hon: Sir.

I sincerely appreciate your kind remarks in your letter time past in reference to the publication of your Speech by the Grand Lodge of New York. I did not answer your letter I know you are busy and did not want to needlessly bother

However, conditions have steadily grown worse in New Orleans with Gambino, prostitutes, new finds rapists and dope fiends operating practically open, and apparently with the knowledge and consent of our not to be proud of Mayor de Levee S. Morrison.

Morrison, was elected head of the Mayor's National Association, because he was a scoundrel like the wretched Mayor of New Orleans, who closed N.O. overnight when in reality the city was closed by and through the efforts of Col. Adair Watters, former supt. of Police. Morrison finally forced Col. Watters to resign, and the crime syndicate are more entrenched than ever, with Mayor Louis wearing a hypocritical halo.

~~EXPEDITE PROCESSING~~

I am sending you copy of letter to Milo B. Williams, ~~AUG 28 1951~~ of N.O. which is a lie implement story, as information to you. I assure you that I deeply appreciate your sincere efforts to rid N.O. as well as the nation of organized Crime, and Communists, and am in debt of my everlasting gratitude. If I can in any way assist you in any manner, please let me know, as I will do any sacrifice to assist with every good wish, and be as good the Supreme Architect of The Universe as well as the good people of the U.S. I am in your debt. I am

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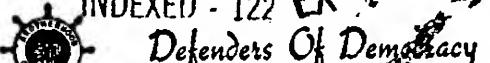
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Sincerely & Fraternally
Tom L. Donnels
...L. Donnels

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Mr. Milo E. Williams, Atty.
Carondelet Bldg.
New Orleans, La.

August 25, 1951

REGISTERED MAIL

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dear Sir:

My son Leroy and a young lawyer who happened to be present in my office when you called, informed me that you asked for me "Wm. L. Donnels" and when informed that I was not stated and I quote:

"Is Bill Donnels here? Answer: "No he isn't." "You know who I am?" The answer: "I believe you are Mr. Milo Williams." "That's right, you better tell Bill Donnels he had better watch his step," turned around walked out, and then came back stating:

"You know I represented your father at one time and I know a lot of things about him, tell him he had better watch his step."

I deny that you have ever represented me at any time, or in any way and if, as you state, you know something the general public should know then you have been derelict in your duty by not making it known before this and I challenge you to do your worst.

Apparently your attempt at Blackmail or Intimidation, is the result of an ordinance to Jail Lottery Vendors, as follows: and I quote.

"Mr. Mayor and Members of the Commission Council, as proof of the moral degeneracy in New Orleans, I had the un-happy experience of sitting in Judge Moore's Court, when MILE WILLIAMS, Atty. started from the front of the court and going down the aisle asking practically everyone present ARE YOU A LOTTERY CASE---I am in a position to prove these statements and you can take any action against me you desire. I am sending copies of this letter, under Registered Mail to the following:

New Orleans Bar Association
New Orleans Commission Council
Hon. Edgar Hever, F. B. I.
The District Atty. of New Orleans
The Times Picayune
New Orleans States

New Orleans Item
Associated Press
United Press

Yours truly,

Wm. L. Donnels



Defenders Of Democracy



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Office Memorandum, UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 22, 1951

FROM : SAC, New Orleans, La.

SUBJECT: ALVIN A. COBB

INFORMATION CONCERNING

Crime Conditions

ReBulet to captioned individual at New Orleans, Louisiana, dated January 9, 1951, copy of which was designated for this office along with a copy of a lengthy telegram which COBB had recently transmitted to the Bureau.

For the Bureau's information, this office has had considerable contact through the years with Mr. COBB, who has been a self-styled private investigator for 25 years. He has a brother, LLOYD COBB, who is a wealthy attorney and who represented the WILLIAM G. HELIS interests in New Orleans. ALVIN A. COBB was an independent candidate against Mayor deLESSEPS S. MORRISON in the last mayoralty race, being a self-styled Dixiecrat candidate, and the Dixiecrats openly dis-avowed sponsoring him. He received approximately 4,000 votes out of approximately 300,000 votes cast, and his limited campaign over radio and public address system consisted primarily of attacks on Mayor MORRISON and advocating a strong "white supremacy" vote. He is the subject of a closed case in this office entitled "ALVIN A. COBB; IMPERSONATION," New Orleans File 47-1223. Recent New Orleans newspaper publicity in connection with the forthcoming hearings by the Kefauver Committee states that ALVIN COBB has been seen at the Committee headquarters and had stated that he had conducted considerable investigation on behalf of the Kefauver Committee.

By appointment, Mr. COBB visited this office on January 20, 1951, and talked at great length concerning his past experiences. He said that since his defeat in the mayoralty race, he has made five trips to Washington to confer with various Senators and other officials concerning crime conditions in New Orleans, and for the purpose of exposing Mayor MORRISON as an associate of the criminal element. He states he has sent many telegrams to President TRUMAN and Attorney General McGRATH, as well as to the Bureau. He says that at present he is "completely broke" and owes Western Union \$48.00 for telegrams. COBB rambled on at great length on general conditions in New Orleans, strongly criticizing Mayor MORRISON and the New Orleans Police Department. He indicated that he has been in contact with investigators of the Kefauver Committee and had last visited their headquarters on the date of his visit to this office. He stated that Mr. DOWNEY RICE, legal advisor, was now "mad at him" and would not advise him of the identities of all persons to be subpoenaed by the Committee, despite the fact that COBB had previously furnished considerable information to RICE. COBB further advised RICE he hesitated to furnish further information because the girl secretary for the Committee in New Orleans is also the secretary of the so-called New Orleans Crime Commission, which was appointed by Mayor MORRISON, and is also the secretary for GASPAR GULLOTTA, self-styled Mayor of Bourbon Street in the New Orleans French Quarter, whom COBB describes as a racketeer.

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Director, FBI

January 22, 1951

COBB went on at great length and was unable to furnish any information pertaining to a Federal violation with the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau. This was tactfully pointed out to him and he appeared satisfied on his departure.

COBB closely borders upon being a crank and it appears he is a letter writer and sender of telegrams. This background is furnished for the Bureau's information in order that future contacts of this may be evaluated.

January 9, 1951

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Mr. Alvin A. Cobb
2520 Moreng Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Cobb:

This will acknowledge receipt of your telegram dated January 7, 1951, furnishing the text of your communication to Senator Kefauver.

If there is information in your possession indicating a violation of a Federal law within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, you may desire to furnish the details to Mr. J. M. Lopez, Special Agent in Charge of our New Orleans Office, 1300 Masonic Temple Building, New Orleans 12, Louisiana.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - New Orleans (with copy of incoming)

Alvin A. Cobb is mentioned in the 1959 Crime Survey report of October 15, 1959, as a private detective and a one time candidate for mayor of New Orleans. In 1949 he furnished information to local newspapers concerning handbook operations in the city of New Orleans (62-75147-33-61 pg 142). He sent a telegram to the Bureau in Sept 1949 concerning local crime and vice and requested Bureau assistance and was advised there appeared to be no violation within the jurisdiction of the FBI. (62-32509-327). In 1941 he was the subj of an Impeachment case in which prosecution was declined. (47-21627)

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THIS IS A COPY OF THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM SENT TO- US
SENATOR ESTES KEFAUVER SENATE OFFICE BLDG WASHINGTON
DC. QUOTE

STILL WAITING FULFILLMENT PROMISES MADE BY YOU AND
OTHERS CONNECTED WITH CRIME COMMISSION RELATIVE TO CONTACT OF
INVESTIGATORS STOP HAVE LIST OF WITNESSES AS WELL AS RECORDS
TO PROVE EFFORTS BY MAYOR MORRISON TO DECEIVE CRIME COMMISSION
WITH TEMPORARY LAST MINUTE REFORM WAVE IN THIS CITY WHICH IS
SECOND TO NONE IN THE NATION FOR CRIME, VICE AND GRAFT INFECTED
RACKETS STOP CAN PROVE OPERATION OF STRONG ARM AND POLICE
PROTECTED RACKETS INCLUDING ONE OPERATED WITH GAMBLING
MACHINES DISTRIBUTED HERE THROUGH MEANS OF INTERSTATE COMMERCE,
■ SAID RACKET WAS SPONSORED AND IS CONDONED BY MAYOR MORRISON
STOP I HAVE RECORDS, WITNESSES AND OTHER EVIDENCE SUFFICIENT TO
PROVE THAT MAYOR DELESEPS MORRISON REQUIRES YOUR ATTENTION
MORE THAN THE MUCH ADVERTISED AND PUBLICIZED NOTORIOUS
CHARACTERS WHO DO NOT OPERATE IN NEW ORLEANS STOP MAYOR
MORRISON'S ACTIVITIES CAUSED THE BIRTH OF THE CRIME COMMISSION
WHEN HE WAS SEEKING GLORY AND PUBLICITY BY CLAIMING CRIME WAS
AT ITS PEAK IN THIS AND OTHER CITIES

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| Mr. Ladd |
| Mr. Clegg |
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HON J EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

CAN FURNISH SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO CONVINCE YOU THAT
"COSTELLO NIGHTMARE" IS A SMOKE SCREEN FOR GRAFT INFECTED
GAMBLING RACKETS, VICE AND WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC THAT FLOURISHES
IN NEW ORLEANS WITH KNOWLEDGE OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS WHO
DECEIVE AND APPEASE THE PUBLIC WITH TOKEN RAIDS. I CAN
ENLIGHTEN YOU ON THE CAMPAIGN FUND SYSTEM PRACTICED BY THE
VOICE THAT CRIES FOR YOUR HELP TO CRUCIFY COSTELLO. OTHER
THAN DESIRING GOOD GOVERNMENT I AM NOT INTERESTED IN
POLITICS. IF YOU WANT TO PROVE THAT CRIME DOES NOT PAY I
BELIEVE I CAN MAKE IT POSSIBLE. AS A CITIZEN REQUESTING
RELIEF ON BEHALF OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOR THE ELIMINATION
OF POLITICAL GANGSTERISM THAT SEEKS TO DESTROY OUR NATION I
WAIT UPON YOUR PERSONAL REPLY RECORDED - 101

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Mr. Tolson
ack 9-26-49
W.W.

cc: Mr. Nichols

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AND THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS NEEDED TO HELP
ERADICATE SAME STOP THIS HONOR NOW FEARS AN INVESTIGATION HERE
UNLESS SAME CONCERNS ONLY OUT OF TOWN CHARACTERS WHO HE USES
AS A SMOKE SCREEN AND SCAPEGOAT STOP I HAVE THE EVIDENCE TO
PROVE THAT VERY CLOSE ASSOCIATES OF MAYOR MORRISON ARE
NOTORIOUS OUTLAW CHARACTERS ONE OF WHOM IS A GANGSTER CRIMINAL
WHO SERVED THREE PENITENTIARY TERMS AND WHO HAS BEEN KEPT ON
CITY PAYROLL CONTRARY TO CIVIL SERVICE DURING LAST FIVE YEARS
BY MAYOR MORRISON STOP I HAVE MADE MORE CONTRIBUTIONS TO CRIME
COMMISSION THAN ANY OTHER CITIZEN THEREFORE I ASK THAT AN OPEN
HEARING BE HELD HERE IN NEW ORLEANS AND THE GUILTY EXPOSED AND
PUNISHED STOP IF YOU REALLY WANT TO STIMULATE DEMOCRACY WITH
TRUTH JUSTICE AND HONEST GOVERNMENT CONTACT ME IN THE NEAR
FUTURE AS I AM AT YOUR SERVICE WITHOUT LIMITATIONS UNQUOTE

ALVIN A COBB

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cc Mr Rosen

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May 7, 1946

EX-130 32-309-336
Mr. Clyde H. Jones
415 Esplanade Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Jones:

I have for acknowledgment your telegram of April 25, 1946, in which you furnished information to this Bureau. The interest and courtesy which prompted you to call this matter to my attention are indeed appreciated.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is limited to the investigation of violations of Federal statutes. Since the subject matter of your telegram appears to be a local violation, I regret that this Bureau can take no action under the circumstances. I would suggest that you may wish to discuss this case with the appropriate New Orleans city officials.

Should you receive information which you believe to be a matter of interest to this Bureau, please feel free to communicate with Mr. C. E. Weeks, Special Agent in Charge of our New Orleans Field Division, 1308 Masonic Temple Building, New Orleans 12, Louisiana.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC - New Orleans (With copy of incoming)

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E HOOVER, FBI

ON APRIL 24 ABOUT 9:00 AM DICK SPINKS ORDINARY SEAMAN WHO JUST SIGNED OFF THE SS WILLIAM HARPER, OF WATERMAN SS CORP WAS ROBBED OF OVER \$150.00 NEAR MACKS BAR ON CANAL ST. HERE IN N.O. ABOUT 11:00 AM I TOOK HIM TO THE GREYHOUND BUS STATION TO GO HOME BEING TOO DRUNK TO RIDE THE BUS I TOOK THE DISPATCHERS ADVICE AND HAD HIM SENT TO THE FIRST PRECINCT POLICE STATION TO SOBER UP. AT THE TIME HE WENT TO THE POLICE STATION HE HAD FIFTEEN DOLLARS IN CASH IN HIS SEAMAN WALLET. WHEN HE LEFT IT WAS NOT THERE. ILL SWEAR TO THE LAST IT WAS THERE WHEN HE WAS PICKED UP BY THE POLICE. IT OFTEN HAPPENS HERE FROM WHAT I HAVE HEARD OTHER SEAMEN SAY. CANT THE GOVERNMENT DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS ROTTEN CITY. THE CITY OFFICIALS SEEM TO BE VERY SLACK. MR SPINKS WAS WONDERING WHY HE BOthered WITH BEING IN THE ARMY IN THE PACIFIC FOR SEVERAL YEARS IF THIS IS THE FREEDOM FROM FEAR HE WAS FIGHTING FOR. I WONDER TOO AS ONE OF THE HAND FULL OF SEAMAN THAT WAS BLOOD VEIN OF THIS WAR ILL STILL FIGHT ALTHOUGH IT IS DISGUSTING AT TIMES. ANY WAY I CAN HOPE CONTACT ME AT 1415 ESPLANADE AVE ~~NOT RECORDED~~ THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU CAN DO

CLYDE H. JONES

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February 1, 1945

Mr. Jeff Kimble
Sondheimer, Louisiana

RE: GENERAL CRIME SURVEY

Dear Mr. Kimble:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 25, 1945, and to thank you for your interest in forwarding the information to this Bureau.

Please be advised that the data which you have furnished do not fall within the investigative jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. However, I am forwarding copies of your letter to the Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans Field Division of this Bureau located at 1308 Masonic Temple, New Orleans 12, Louisiana, for his information. I suggest that you communicate with him should you receive further information which you believe of interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - New Orleans (with cc incoming)

It is suggested that the information which Mr. Kimble claims to possess might be of interest to your office in connection with the general crime survey program. The Bureau's files indicate a Selective Service case concerning one Jeff Davis Kimble was closed by the Little Rock Field Division on December 10, 1943, when the United States Attorney declined prosecution.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
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C. C. - Sondheimer, Louisiana, La.

Sondheimer, Louisiana,
January 25, 1945

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I see a lot in the papers about drafting labor. I am a laborer - I farm and work inn a defense plant during seasons. I am willing to be drafted if need be but I would have to be drafted and have all the racketeers and gamblers left at home to prey on my friends and family. We have a lot of fine young men in the army now who have gone off to fight and die for a bunch of gamblers and racketeers who are getting rich off the poor folks at home.

I am a family man and have six children. I want to raise them in a decent community. Our community is running over with professional gamblers and racketeers who ought to be producing something or fighting for their country.

I think it is high time that something be done to stop this preying on the public. Our local enforcement officials are being paid off or are professional gamblers themselves and there is no hope of their helping us. The poor people are being exploited on every hand by the racketeers and by the landlords who charge 25% interest and make big charges for overhead expenses.

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I can show you and will be willing to point out to your man as many as 200 able bodied men in this section doing nothing but run gambling dives, poker and dice games, slot machines and the like. These men and their like all over the country are going to be the cause of us losing the war on the home front even if our armies are the winners on the battle field.

Please investigate and do something about the gamblers and racketeers in this section and answer this letter, please.

Yours truly,

Jeff Kimble
Jeff Kimble

Jeff Kimble
Jeff Kimble

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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FROM

SUBJECT:

From Walter Finchell.

DATE:

Mr. Tolson
Mr. F. D. Roosevelt
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Yonne Louisiana

February 3rd, 1944.

Mr. Walter Winchell

to the Daily Mirror

New York City.

Dear Sir:

A few weeks ago, I heard you say that some one was coming down to New Orleans to investigate claims that "it was an open city". The address on the enclosed card is that of a disorderly house, about 100 feet from the Induction Center. It is also true that there is some soliciting by cab drivers -- and I have seen soldiers and sailors drink liquor and beer after midnight.

Perhaps another investigation should be made!

Very truly yours
Sam Charpentier
SA/11 CHAPENTIER

fc Cartwright

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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✓ Mr. Starnes
✓ Mr. Quinn Tamm
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✓ Miss Gandy

LRP:AR
Call 10:50 A.M.

October 9, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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J.W.
OCT 18 1943
SAC Guerin phoned Mr. Pennington relative to Miss Gandy
the declaration of Martial Law by Governor Sam Jones of
Louisiana in Plaquemines Parish this morning.

It appears that for some time there has been considerable argument between the Governor and Parish Authorities over the Governor's appointment of Walter J. Blaize as Sheriff. The Governor's contention is that he has the power to appoint a sheriff to fill an existing vacancy. Parish authorities contend that a sheriff should be elected.

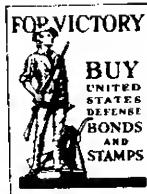
Mr. Guerin stated the Governor has taken just about as much as he can and this morning 31 trucks loaded with Louisiana State Guard proceeded to the barricade placed at the entrance to the Parish. In addition, Mr. Guerin has been informed that the Guard has sent out a flanking party to enter the Parish from the rear. According to Mr. Guerin it looks very much as if there will be actual fighting in the attempt to place Sheriff Blaize in office.

Respectfully,

G. Pennington
A. Rosen

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We are doing nothing
whatsoever. EX-45
We are doing nothing whatsoever.



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New Orleans, Louisiana
August 27, 1943

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

RE: NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Dear Sir:

In order that the Bureau will be currently informed as to the conditions which presently exist concerning the New Orleans Police Department, I am outlining herein certain data which has been prepared by me for this purpose.

Confidential
I know that the Bureau has over a period of years received information from various sources as to the slot-machines and gambling activities which have been permitted to operate in the city of New Orleans and also as to the alleged connection of different police officials with these rackets. It can be said in this connection, that the same conditions generally are now in existence notwithstanding considerable agitation and efforts to correct engendered by editorials and news articles appearing in local newspapers. A few weeks ago, Mr. GEORGE REYER, the Superintendent of Police, asserted in response to an inquiry: "I have no evidence of any gambling going on" in New Orleans, which statement brought about a wave of protest and the subsequent publication of photographs of gambling houses in operation. Although the great majority of well known houses of prostitution were closed about a year ago upon instructions of the United States Army authorities, it is known that some call houses are still in operation in addition to the number of girls who operate out of honky tonks and beer joints and similar places of ill repute.

In connection with the gambling situation, however, it has been ascertained that one of the most recent and common methods of circumventing regulations pertaining to dice and card games is the establishment of a club which entitles the members to engage in such games of chance. It is also known that the bookmaking establishments and race track betting places operate under police protection, and as a matter of fact, two detectives, namely: JOHN BARRADAT and HENRY LUTHJENS, are reported to act as collectors for Captain E. L. DeLATTE who is in charge of the First Precinct Police Station. Captain HENRY ASSET, attached to the headquarters of the Police Department, is considered as the Superintendent's right-hand man and in one instance, it is known that he receives \$10.00 weekly from a small "bookie." The distribution of money collected as described herein is not known.

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Chief of Police, New Orleans
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Director,

August 27, 1943

Some months ago, the Louisiana State Police operating under the specific instructions of Governor SAM JONES entered Orleans Parish (city of New Orleans) for the purpose of conducting investigations and making a series of raids of known bookmaking establishments. The argument advanced in political circles for such a move on the part of the Governor was that these activities produced a source of revenue available to the Old Regulars (New Orleans political organization) which organization was politically opposed to the administration of Governor JONES. However, the aggressiveness of the raids originally instituted by the State Police was somewhat lessened when it was subsequently ascertained that the members of that organization themselves began to enjoy the benefits of the payments previously afforded only to the members of the New Orleans City Police Department. It is also known that Captain JOHN DeARMOND of the Louisiana State Police was subsequently eased out of his position and finally released from the State Police because of his acceptance of "bribes" from different gamblers in this city.

As an example of the lust which the majority of the New Orleans Police Department are imbued with, it has been learned from one WILLIE MORSE, a negro who peddles watermelons on the corner of Broad and Calliope Streets, New Orleans, that each evening a motorcycle patrolman drives by and collects \$1.00 from him which allegedly is turned over to the Captain of the Twelfth Precinct. This is not, of course, any payment for any legal privilege, but MORSE is permitted to park his truck off the sidewalk into the weeds and then places a few watermelons alongside the street which is neither used for driving or for pedestrian purposes.

The patrolmen in the downtown sections and also in the outlying districts have knowledge of the gambling establishments which are now in operation today, and an agent recently in contacting a patrolman in connection with official business had displayed to him a ticket on a race which the officer in question had received in connection with a winning bet he had placed.

The employees of the New Orleans Police Department have for many years received salaries which are reputed to be the lowest of any large police department in the entire United States. I am quoting the salary schedule below:

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| Patrolman | \$152.00 per month |
| Sergeants of Precinct Stations | 160.00 per month |
| Lieutenants of Precinct Stations | 170.00 per month |
| Detectives | 183.00 per month |
| Lieutenant of Detectives | 191.00 per month |
| Captains | 214.00 per month |

From the above figures, however, there is a 10% deduction which was placed into effect in 1932, and which has not been reinstated. As a result a policeman today receives approximately \$137 per month as his base pay. From this sum

Director, FBI

August 27, 1943

sizeable deductions are made such as a 5% sum for a pension and retirement fund. In addition, the Victory Tax deduction of 20% is in effect today and there are also certain political contributions which are invariably needed for diverse purposes which add to the sum which is deducted from the base pay of the police officer. It is noted, therefore, that the bi-monthly salary check of a patrolman is actually less than \$50.00, and that of a detective is just about \$60.00 per pay check.

Since the advent of war and the definite increased cost of living, many employees of the police department have sought additional income through extra work and odd jobs. The exact number of such employees is not definitely known although the information available reflects that more than 50% of them have found employment at Delta Shipyards, Higgins Industries, Inc., or at Todd Johnson's Dry Docks, and many as taxi-cab drivers. It is known that such jobs have been obtained with the full knowledge and approval of the Superintendent of Police and as a matter of fact, he furnishes a letter to the police officer who is desirous of obtaining additional work. It has been reported that the Superintendent of Police has stated that of course if the officer performs his duties for the police department, no objection can be made if he is anxious to secure outside employment. It is known though that many of the officers leave their shifts earlier than the usual quitting time and obviously, if they work on other jobs for either four or eight hour periods, their efficiency in connection with their police department jobs is necessarily effected.

A number of the New Orleans Police Department representatives are permanently assigned to local business houses, places of amusement, railroad stations, etc., and are paid by those business institutions although they are directly connected with the police department. For example, a Lieutenant of Police, and a patrolman are assigned to the Roosevelt Hotel and are paid by that firm. Another is assigned to a bank whereas another police officer is in attendance at the telephone company at all times. It will be recalled that in a formal letter to the Bureau from this office under date of August 8, 1943, information was set forth indicating that as of June 30, 1943, there were 840 police employees in the police department. It was further indicated that in the eighteen month period preceding June 1943, 168 individuals had separated themselves from the service which is approximately nine employees per month.

During the past few weeks, a rather large number of crimes including hold-ups and robberies have taken place in the city of New Orleans, and on August 24, 1943, District Attorney J. BERNARD COCKE, in an open letter to the Superintendent of Police, called his attention to the steady rise of crimes during the past year. It was indicated that the records showed that from July 15, 1943, to August 18, 1943, there had been reported to the New Orleans Police Department, 57 hold-ups and robberies and a survey further revealed that of the above-mentioned number of crimes, eight were committed by white men, two by color unknown and the remaining 47 crimes were perpetrated by negroes. Of the 57 reported hold-ups, the records showed that ten were followed by arrests while in 47 robberies, no arrests were made. The records also indicate that a number of the victims suffered beatings from the hands of the hold-up men. A reorganization of the police department was called for by the District Attorney who incident-

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ally has been at odds with the police department over a period of years. The Superintendent of Police GEORGE REYER has been away on a vacation since he completed his visit to the Convention of the International Association of Chiefs of Police at Detroit, Michigan, some weeks ago.

With further reference to Superintendent of Police GEORGE REYER, information has been received that he is being kept in office by Mayor ROBERT MAESTRI because the latter does not want to be "put on the spot" at this time of being compelled to make another selection because of the coming election. In other words, he would necessarily alienate the supporters of the unsuccessful candidates for the position of Superintendent of Police. It is also known that about a year and a half ago, Superintendent REYER suffered a stroke in his office and as a result his illness has been prolonged. There have been reports that REYER has attempted to resign on different occasions but has always been persuaded to remain in office by Mayor MAESTRI. His office hours are to his own making and very seldom can he be reached in the afternoon hours and then only from Tuesday to Saturday. A Captain of Police has confidentially advised an agent of this office that Superintendent REYER is suffering from a condition of paresis and is really not physically capable of handling the duties of Superintendent of Police of the city of New Orleans. In his absence, the office is administered by Captain JAMES J. PURCELL, who, according to the same informant, is not sufficiently conversant with the many duties and problems the Superintendent has to contend with outside of his office.

Chief of Detectives JOHN GROSCH has been holding that position for a number of years but he is not believed to have any particular ability as an officer other than the success he has obtained by using underworld informants and third degree methods. It is believed that any results which GROSCH may have accomplished have been due to his "trading" activities with members of the underworld by means of favoring those who are useful to him. At the present time, he lives in a home worth approximately twenty-five thousand dollars located on Canal Boulevard in New Orleans. Information has been received from the same Captain of Police that Chief GROSCH is considered absolutely irresponsible and is worthless as a witness in the courts of New Orleans because his word under oath is no longer accepted.

Chief GROSCH himself has indicated that he has about thirty detectives in his office who are absolutely irresponsible and "too dumb" to be depended upon. Of course, it might be indicated, too, that GROSCH's statements may be made for the purpose of serving as an excuse for certain omissions, carelessness, or failures in connection with the functioning of his own department.

One individual against whom no unfavorable or derogatory comments are ever heard is Assistant Chief of Detectives JOHN J. JACKSON, Sr., who is in charge of the Auto Theft Squad of the New Orleans Police Department. He is the father of Captain JOHN J. JACKSON, Jr., NPA, who is handling the Internal Security Unit of the Police Department working on cases assigned to that organization by this office. Their names, however, were mentioned in local news articles recently when considerable comments were offered concerning the number of relatives of high-ranking police officials who hold positions of importance in the police department. In this connection, it is stated that five of Superintendent

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REYER's relatives hold positions of importance in the police department and are referred to as members of the "Royal Family."

A Civil Service law went into effect on January 1, 1943, and it is known that on December 31, 1942, a large number of wholesale promotions were made in the police department, a number of these being among relatives of the police officials. The explanation has since been offered by those who were not equally favored that naturally the men who have worked for years become disheartened when their promotions are not forthcoming.

It is somewhat surprising to note just how many citizens in the city of New Orleans are satisfied with the operation of the New Orleans Police Department. They offer the somewhat shallow explanation that the police department must be all right because there have been no large major serious crimes committed in this city. It is not believed, however, that the absence of such violent crimes can be attributed to any great extent to the accomplishments or efforts of the New Orleans Police Department. The geographic location of the city is such that more than the normal amount of difficulty would be experienced in attempting a get-away as there are but a few roads leading out of the city which could be blocked with not too much trouble. Then, too, the cooperation of certain police officials with "big-time" gamblers and racketeers by permitting them to have a free hand in their operations is also of assistance in keeping outsiders from carrying on any illegal operations here and also in making known information as to the identity of such outsiders who may commit crimes of violence. Such conditions, of course, would be known to the members of the underworld and might attempt to discourage them from committing major crimes in the city. I would certainly minimize any amount of credit which might be given to the New Orleans Police Department as the members are undoubtedly of an inferior caliber than will be found in any city in the country comparable in size to New Orleans. The officers are lackadaisical in the performance of their duties, not too careful in the matter of neatness and all in all not the type of individual which will be found in other large cities.

The above data are being made available to the Bureau for information purposes and will be added to from time to time as developments warrant.

Very truly yours,

R. A. GUERIN
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NEW ORLEANS MINISTERIAL UNION

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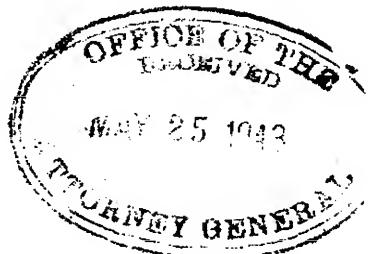
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May 19, 1943

The Honorable Francis Biddle
United States Attorney
Washington, D.C.



Dear Sir:

The enclosed is a copy of paper unanimously adopted by the New Orleans Ministerial Union, representing thousands of our best citizens. It is sent to you as the Chief of Law Enforcement in our country.

For two years we have tried to secure law enforcement through our local officials. We have failed. Every form of commercial gambling and other forms of vice are run wide open in defiance of all law and decency. The situation here is really alarming. It is anarchy. It would appear that the law enforcement officers are tied up with the law violators. Unless all signs are wholly misleading we are in the grip of one of the worst official rackets.

New Orleans is one of the great cities of the South. It is head-quarters for many of our war activities. Thousands of Service Men must come this way. Many of them are robbed in low liquor dives and gambling houses or cursed with venereal diseases through commercial prostitution.

We respectfully request you to order such steps be taken through the F.B.I. or other agencies that will give us relief.

Thanking you, we are-

Social Betterment Committee
New Orleans Ministerial Union

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W. W. Holmes Chairman
W. W. Holmes

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The following was unanimously adopted by the New Orleans Ministerial Union on May 3, 1943:

Appeasement and dilly-dallying in law enforcement has brought a condition in New Orleans, Jefferson Parish and some other sections of Louisiana that is unspeakably deplorable. The worst thing about it is not the lawlessness itself, as bad as that is, but it is the increasing disrespect for our local government and law enforcement officers. Such a condition breeds disloyalty and anarchy and is a portent of worse days to come. It would appear that the law enforcement department, with some notable exceptions, has much more concern in protecting crime and the criminal than in seeing that lawlessness is justly punished and suppressed and that the rights of the people under the law are conserved.

The Vice situation in New Orleans and Jefferson Parish has long been notorious—a detriment to the city's growth and prosperity. And now when our country is at war and New Orleans has become headquarters for many of our training camps, and many of our war industries are located here, and thousands of our Service Men are passing this way, we find that the City and the adjoining parish of Jefferson have become veritable cess pools of iniquity and flagrant lawlessness. Great "Monte Carlo" gambling houses are wide open and run unmolested. Other forms of gambling such as bookies, lotteries, pin ball, slot machines and many other kind of mechanical gambling devices are much in evidence in public places—by the road side, in night clubs, saloons and elsewhere. In many of these places women are employed to sell and distribute liquor drinks in violation of law and in encouragement to prostitution. The condition is wholly bad and is growing worse. We have exhausted every resource in our efforts to get relief through local authorities. We have been patient, persistent and long-suffering. The official set up seems to be so tied in with crime for monetary gain or political power that just and democratic government through such officials is impossible. The crime syndicate is composed of comparatively few in number, and yet this few, abetted and protected by corrupt officials, is dominating the city and is advertising New Orleans as one of the most wicked cities in the world. No wonder that this

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beautiful city with so many natural advantages has lagged in its growth and prosperity while other cities not so favorably located have forged ahead. Your Social Betterment Committee asks your approval of the following letters.

A letter to Honorable Francis Biddle, United States Attorney, calling his attention to the flagrant law violations in New Orleans and Jefferson Parish and the refusal of the local law enforcement officers to take any action. A letter to the Honorable Paul McNutt, War Man Power Commissioner concerning the large number of men and women needed in war service who are now engaged in illegal occupations. A letter to the Chairman of Senate Committee charged with duty of looking after moral conditions around service camps. A letter to the O.P.A. concerning ration cards for gasoline used by private cars and taxis in the patronage of gambling joints on the outskirts of city and in Jefferson Parish. A letter to the Foreman of Grand Juries in Orleans and Jefferson Parishes calling their attention to these flagrant law violations and asking for action. A letter to the Superintendent of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation asking for the support of the State-wide organization for law enforcement. Your Social Betterment Committee would ask further for your approval of Protest Mass Meetings, if found necessary.

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New Orleans, ~~La~~ Island

May 10, 1943

F. B. I. Washington D. C.

Dear Sirs.

I want to make an appeal to some one in Washington to make an investigation here in our city in regard the gambling houses.

If you knew the waste of money surely something could be done to stop it , there are three large gambling houses within a block of each other, with dice tables, roulette tables, keno games and slot machines, these places are packed with people, young and old every night and the money that is thrown away in these places is terrible.

I cant understand why these places are allowed to operate when our government needs men, young and old to help win this war , I see young healthy men standing behind those dice and roulette tables taking peoples money , money that should be spent for war bonds, thousands of dollars a night, I know if Washington would step in to help us close these places Uncle Sam would be thousands of dollars ahead in war bonds.

I am just a citizen, but I know what is going on ,these men that operate these places cant be real american citizens or they would want to close and let the money that is spent there go to help win this war.

There are hundreds of cars parked at these places each night, taxis bringing people ,and taxis parked there to take them home, if they have enouhg money left to get home,

This is without a doubt the most lawless city in the U. S. and I think it is time washington stepped in to help.

I understood people weren't supposed to waste gas and rubber to go to places of amusement.

Surely something should be done to stop this waste of money when our country needs so much to win this war.

A. Citizen

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~~HUNTER FIELD
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA~~

Oct. 24-1942

F.B.I. Washington D.C.

Most of us men in the service of our country do believe that most of the clubs in new orleans La. should be closed. If you know how they operate and allow them to operate that way, we will make the best of our stay in new orleans

They have girl working in these place
who want you to buy them a drink, I have
call for a Tom collin or old fashion. I have
choose you from 50¢ to 75¢ and if its color
water. A soldier who is new don't know
this as this is suppose to be a mix
drink with whiskey. You can say something
to the management and they say they have
the right to do it in this town. Is
this legal or not.

yours truly

prof. Leslie - Springfield

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November 18, 1942

Mr. Leslie Stringfield
Det. K. Tent City
37th Headquarters Base
Army Air Base Squadron
New Orleans Army Air Base
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Stringfield:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 24, 1942, which was also signed by Private Andrew H. Hatschner.

The facts reported in your communication do not concern a matter coming within the scope of this Bureau's activities and for that reason it is not possible to be of assistance.

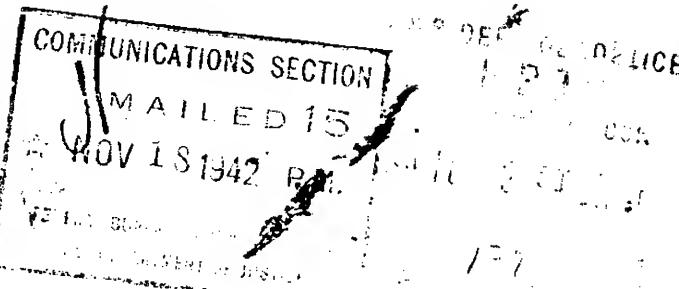
It is suggested, however, that you may desire to call this matter to the attention of the Louisiana State Liquor Board, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

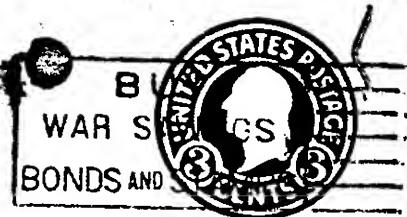
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EMMET ALPHA
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PHONE RAYMOND 7804
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July, 17, 1942

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Secretary to the President

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The State Government of Louisiana is about to collapse. The United States Government needs full-functioning State Governments more in war times than in peace times. Members of the State Senate refuse to vote sufficient money to provision the State, saying there is already money enough.

The old Cabildo, where the Treaty of Purchase of Louisiana Territory was signed, (now a Museum,) closed on the 15th instant, for want of funds to operate. Charity Hospital is more than 200 years old, costing lately \$14,000,000, some of which was Federal money; it has 3100 beds, 140 doctors, and probably that many medical internes. It also must close.

Sworn representatives of the people who would seek the paralysis of the State Government in war times, do not lack much of being guilty of treason; and Senator Ellender became a kind of errand-boy in Washington for the purpose of drawing out of the State Senate a man who had been, temporarily excused from army service, to break Governor Jones' funds-getting majority; so that some of us conclude that a U. S. Senator has been developed who prefers to destroy the State, than see it preserved.

I think if you could fly a trusted agent down here, to give you the facts, you could deliver an effective interview to the reporters upon the derelection of official duty for sinister advantage. It is your duty to keep the wheels of the State Governments turning. No politician would take the responsibility of writing you, in my opinion.

Yours truly,

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

July 30, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR J. EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This is to acknowledge your memorandum of July 16, 1942, to which you attached a copy of a letter received from R. A. Guerin, Agent in Charge at New Orleans, Louisiana.

The contents of the Special Agent's letter with reference to the information that he obtained by way of a letter dated May 29, 1942, from Frank O. Kreager of Baton Rouge, have been noted. The Administrator for the Work Projects Administration has been furnished with a photostatic copy of the Special Agent's letter, and has been requested to advise the Department further in regard to his pleasure in the matter as soon as it has been thoroughly investigated.

Respectfully,

Wendell Berge *BS*

WENDELL BERGE
Assistant Attorney General

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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May 26, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Mr. Nease _____
Miss Beahm _____
Miss Gandy _____

I called SAC Guerin at New Orleans and told him I had just seen his note about the controversy between the political elements at New Orleans. I advised him in any inquiries he gets from the press as to whether an investigation is being conducted of those people, he should state no investigation is being conducted. I told him I thought he would probably help one side or the other by saying he had no comment, and in any situation of this kind in which no investigation is being conducted it is better to say so.

Respectfully

Edward A. Tamm

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MERRILL BREWER

Attached is a copy of a letter dated June 11, 1942, received from the New Orleans, Louisiana, Field Division of this Bureau, concerning certain alleged irregularities in connection with W. P. A. activities.

This matter is being called to your attention for purposes of information and possible reference to the Works Projects Administration.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
1308 Masonic Temple Building
New Orleans, Louisiana
June 11, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: LOUISIANA POLITICAL
SITUATION

Dear Sir:

I am quoting below a letter from FRANK O. KREAGER, 167 Sunset Blvd., Route 3, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, dated May 29, 1942, in which certain allegations are set out relative to the disposition of W. P. A. monies. The Bureau is advised that this matter has not been reported to the W. P. A. Headquarters of this district.

"I desire to call your attention to an apparent mysterious disappearance of some \$50,000.00 of W. P. A. money in connection with a W.P.A.-Louisiana State University project in 1938-39.

"As you know, after the exposure of Smith, Caldwell and others in June, 1939, Franke, Hannon and Withey, certified public accountants of New York City were employed to audit the accounts of the University and install a modern system of accounting.

"After some nine months of work these auditors made a report of their findings entitled:

"LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
AND
AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE
REPORT ON INVESTIGATION
AS AT JUNE 30, 1939

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FRANKE, HANNON & WITHEY
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
444 Madison Avenue
New York City

"On Sunday, April 28, 1940, articles based on this report, several pages in length, screamingly headlined, appeared in the New Orleans papers.

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RE: Louisiana Political
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"Many of the most significant and astounding findings of the auditors were not even mentioned in these articles-as a comparison with the Report will show.

"In case you do not have a copy of this report, doubtless you can obtain one in a few minutes from Mr. J. Y. Fauntleroy, secretary of the L. S. U. Board of Supervisors, Pere Marquette Bldg. The report in your hands will make my statements clear.

"The Camp Grant Walker Case"

"On page 123 of the Report you will note, the auditors state that a project agreement between the W.P.A. and L.S.U. provided that the University was to spend \$13,534.75 and W.P.A. \$52,709.59 for "building construction" at Camp Grant Walker - (the 4H Club camp near Pollock, La.)

"Certainly a clear impression is left that all of the \$52,709.59 W.P.A. funds, and \$4,899.80 of University funds were spent on this project; but a question, you will note, is raised as to the propriety of the L.S.U. "offsets" for the remainder of the \$13,534.75. In "offsets" and "Direct Payments" then \$13,534.75 of University funds and \$52,709.59 of W.P.A. funds - a total of \$66,244.34, was spent for "building and construction" at Camp Grant Walker during the year of June 30, 1938 to June 30, 1939.

"Now turn to "page 3" of "Exhibit F" - (the last 4 pages of the Report):

"Statement of Investment in Plant"

As at June 30, 1939

Note:

"Camp Grant Walker Buildings & Equipment \$8,500.00."

"What happened to the \$52,709.59 of W.P.A. money?

"And why did the writers of the news articles miss this astounding discrepancy?

"Is it possible that "selected items only" were released to the press?

"I hardly need point out to you the absurdity of those "offset" tricks (p 123) for the deception of the auditors:

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"1. The items of "Plans, Engineering and Superintendence, \$4,939.00" is 58% of the total investment in building new and old and in equipment.

"2. The items "Use of trucks", \$3,695.95 is 43% of the total investment in buildings. Together these items constitute 101% of such investment.

"3. The items "Use of trucks" is more than three times the cost of the new truck listed on p 121.

"4. The greatest absurdity of all is exposed by the auditors statement:

"We were told that the trucks were 4H Club trucks, not University trucks"

"Since when have the 4H Clubs of Louisiana owned a fleet of trucks whose rental value for one year is \$3,695.95? (Call the Orleans Parish Ag. Agent for light on this)

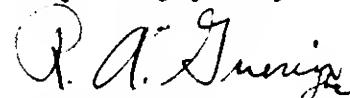
"5. The auditors were not informed that the 4H Club work is supported by Federal and state funds. The item is not therefore a proper offset.

"So it seems to me:

1. That whoever was handling this matter for L. S. U. got a W.P.A. grant by misrepresentation - by trickery.
2. That the evidence is convincing of attempts, some successful, to deceive the auditors.
3. That \$52.709.59 of W.P.A. money was not spent on this Camp Grant Walker project.
4. That the whole affair was covered up - nothing concerning it was released to the press.
5. That the content of these two pages of the Franke, Hannon and Withey Report, is convincing evidence of the need for a searching investigation of the whole matter.

"I am at your service for any help I can give,"

Very truly yours,



R. A. GUERIN
Special Agent in Charge

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